

House Resolution 1258

By: Representatives England of the 108th and Benton of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Robert Ronald Saunders of Barrow County as Georgia's
2 School Superintendent of the Year for 2008 and inviting him to appear before the House of
3 Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Saunders is the superintendent of the Barrow County School System where
5 he has served with great dedication and distinction since 1998; and

6 WHEREAS, Barrow County ranks in the top five in the state and top 25 in the nation of the
7 fastest growing counties, with a school enrollment exceeding 12,000 and students speaking
8 more than 35 languages; and

9 WHEREAS, under his excellent leadership, the Barrow County School System has earned
10 the enviable reputation of being an innovative and forward-thinking school system providing
11 a world-class education with hometown values; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Saunders's vision, innovation, and professional guidance have resulted in
13 a teacher retention rate of 96 percent, a district SACS accreditation rating of "exemplary,"
14 the formation of the Teaching Resident Program, and the county school system being the first
15 system in Georgia with full connectivity to research university based Internet 2; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr Saunders's educational administrative training enabled him to provide
17 tremendous guidance to the school system, improving student achievement and operational
18 issues for Barrow County Schools and significantly contributing to both of the county's high
19 schools winning the Governor's SAT Cup; and

20 WHEREAS, he professionally challenged colleagues, provided clear direction to the local
21 board of education, and embraced wholeheartedly the concept of community input; and

1 WHEREAS this outstanding and dedicated administrator was selected by the Georgia
2 Association of School Superintendents as the Georgia School Superintendent of the Year for
3 2008 in recognition of his leadership and exceptional management abilities.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body congratulate Dr. Robert Ronald Saunders on being named
6 Superintendent of the Year for 2008 and commend his excellent service and outstanding
7 contributions in the field of education in the State of Georgia.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dr. Robert Ronald Saunders is invited to appear before
9 this body at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Robert Ronald
12 Saunders.